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IS IT PROPHECIC?

Never in all the world's history has there been a day like unto the one which dawned with the rise of this morning's sun. Nowhere in the archives of time may be found record of so many of Adam's race striving to slay. The tide of battle reaches farther by many miles than ever before. Is this "Armageddon," or is it the dread day spoken of by the Prophet Daniel? Men, not a few, but thousands of them, feel quite positive that the grim old Hebrew, standing in the palace of the King, foretold the awful slaughter of 1914.—Exponent.

OF WAYS

and genseng farm is one of the newest ginia industries, which only goes to show e many ways of making a living in t Commonwealth.—Wheeling Register.

KY VESSEL

Bryan will find it to his advantage not to y more diplomatic secrets or reports of conons with diplomats upon that very leaky e Josephus Daniels.—Sun, New York.

KIND OF WAR

liquor whatever is permitted to the German Russian troops and no abstinence to the French. is a strictly prohibition as well as a strictly stan war.—Wheeling News.

E HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS

he American child who sends a gift to a war shan in Europe by the Christmas ship will have e happiest Christmas ever known.—Evening Star, ashington.

RUE PATRIOTISM

Americans will, of course, expect to have their own needs of grain provided for before shipments broad are begun.—Evening Star, Washington.

THE SAME HERE

There are some people who don't know the right of way on streets going east and west and on those going north and south.—Ohio State Journal.

ITALY EXCUSED

Prince von Bulow lectures Italy for not helping her allies. But why should she? The alliance was only "a scrap of paper."—New York World.

THE PRELIMINARIES

In the primary campaign that fine old "You're another!" slogan rings with all its pristine, persuasive mellowness.—World New York.

THE LESSON OF THE MAINE ELECTION.

The result of the Maine election must be regarded as an endorsement of the Federal Administration by the Democratic party, but it forcibly demonstrates that the majority of the voters in Maine are in opposition to the Administration.

There has never been any doubt that the Progressive vote of 1912 included many former Democrats, and that the falling away of the Democratic vote, as shown by that cast for Governor Wilson and those former Democratic candidates for President was occasioned by that departure of hundreds of thousands of former Democrats whose places in the voting were only partially filled by recruits from the Republican party.

The result in Maine shows that some Progressives returned to the Republican party, as others did to the Democratic party.

Colonel Roosevelt's personality attracted hundreds of thousands of Democrats throughout the Union in 1912, and the support these gave him at the polls placed the Progressive party second in total numbers in the balloting for President that year.

With a Democratic plurality of approximately 3,500 in Maine and a Progressive vote of 17,000 the state stands strongly against the Democratic party, but the power to declare victory for the opposition lies with the Progressives. The Progressives of the other states of the Union, if they stand independently, as did their brethren in Maine, furnish no hope for Republican victory in the powerful states of the Union.

The election in Maine discloses the inability of either Democrats or Republicans to obtain a popular majority in that state or in many of the other important states of the Union.

While politicians of all parties recognize that Colonel Roosevelt is far stronger with the masses of the voters than any other Progressive, and will called upon to undertake, yet the Progressive display that strength in any candidacy he may be ganization, independent of his personal strength, represents now a vote that Republicans cannot do without if they would win in a number of the states of the Union.

The Maine election carries with it the evidence that the Democrats are still in a majority of the total popular vote of the country; that the breach in the Republican party precludes victory to it so long as it and the Progressive party do not pool their issues of the tariff, progressive domestic policy, and a strong and vigorous foreign policy, but that such union upon these issues would insure national victory to such united forces.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

ALL BUSY

While the dogs of war are loose in Europe some of the hogs of war are busy in this country raising food prices.—Milford Record.

GERMANY'S DUTY

If Germany takes Paris, it is hoped she will take her fashions, too, and put them behind the bars.—Ohio State Journal.

The war is calculated by some writers to cost so many million dollars a day to each belligerent. Premising that these estimates are all very dubious, their makers forget that the money spent in war does not evaporate. It goes into many channels of trade, into transportation service, into manufacture of military supplies and finds its way back to the source from which it was drawn.—Boston Transcript.



A WHITE LIE.

The following bit of rural philosophy was overheard in a farm yard in the east of England the other day, relates Pearson's Weekly:
"James, my son," said a man, who stood mixing the milk and water, "ye see what I'm a-doing of?"
"Yes, father," replied James, "you're a-pouring water into the milk."
"No, I'm not, James, I'm a-pouring milk into the water. So if anybody axes you if I put water into the milk you tell 'em no. Allus stick to the truth, James. Cheatin' is bad enough, but lyin' is wuss."—Judge.

"THE ORPHAN BRIGADE"

And Its Racial Make-up As Seen By Dean Shaler—Beautiful Tribute To The Dead.

The Louisville Times of last Saturday, in its elaborate illustrated write-up of the "Orphan Brigade," wound up its article with the following:

Probably the most remarkable compliment paid the Orphan Brigade was by a Northern college man.

Prof. N. S. Shaler, of Harvard University, in his notable paper, "Nature and Man in America," published in Scribner's Magazine, November, 1890, refers to the Orphan Brigade as follows:

"I take it to be plain that the rebellion proves our people to have lost nothing in the moral gains which the race won in the Old World. If we compare the issue of the contest with the chronic conditions of dispute between Great Britain and Ireland, I think we may claim that we have gained in the moral qualities which appear in the conduct of public affairs. The conduct of our armies in the field shows clearly that the combination of physical vigor and moral earnestness which makes a good soldier exist in unsurpassed measure in the men whose ancestors dwelt long upon the American soil. Some years ago I sought carefully to find a body of troops whose ancestors had been for many generations upon our soil, and whose ranks were essentially increased with foreigners, or those whose forefathers had been but a short time upon this continent. It proved difficult to find in the Northern armies any commands which served the needs of the inquiry which I desired to make. It seemed necessary to consider a force of at least 5,000 men in order to avoid the risks which would come from imperfect data. In our Federal army it was the custom to put in the same brigade regiments from different districts, thus commingling commands of pure American blood with those that held a considerable percentage of foreigners, or men of foreign parents. I found in my limited inquiry but one command which satisfies the needs of the investigation, and this was the First Brigade of Kentucky troops in the rebel army. In the beginning of the war this brigade was recruited mostly in the slave holding district of Kentucky, the rank being mainly filled with farmers' sons. It is possible to trace the origin of the men in the command with sufficient exactitude by the inspection of the muster rolls. Almost every name among them belongs to well-known families of English stock, mainly derived from Virginia. It is possible, in a similar way to prove that, with few unimportant exceptions, these soldiers were of an ancient American lineage.

It is interesting to note the estimate of Prof. Shaler made recently as follows:

Following the announcement, on April 16, of the death of Dean Shaler, of the Lawrence Scientific School, the Evening Post (New York), publishes, in an editorial, an estimate of the man's place in the scientific world, and in the hearts of Harvard men and others who were fortunate enough to be numbered among his friends. From this editorial we reprint some of the more noteworthy portions:

A few years ago some irreverent undergraduates published a little book of caricatures and verse entitled "Harvard Celebrities." The first skit ran as follows:
"This is Shaler,
Fairy-taler,
Scientific mountain-scaler,
Penetrator
Of each crater
From the Poles to the Equator,
Tamer of the hurricane,
Prophet of the wind and rain,
Hypnotizer
Of the geyser
Wizard of the frozen plain.
Hark! What is that deep and distant subterranean roar,
Arising near Memorial and reaching out to Gore?
'Tis the rumble of applause
When the speaker makes a pause
In relating an adventure from his fund of earthquake lore."

These are not inadequate characterization of that geologist, philosopher, and poet, that man to whom all the various aspects of life were as fascinating as a fairy-tale, Nathaniel Southgate Shaler.

When Prof. Shaler died Harvard lost one of the most versatile and interesting men that have ever adorned her faculty. By vocation a geologist, he took all knowledge to be his province. In the sciences—Mathematics, chemistry, physics, and the several branches of biology—he might fairly be called an adept. His mind ranged through the whole realm of speculative philosophy; and three of his most popular books deal with man.

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